



FLWEMS Paramedics Adult Protocol for the Management of:
DROWNING/NEAR DROWNING

Indications

To outline the paramedic care and management of the patient with signs and symptoms of the near drowning patient. Prolonged total or partial submersion resulting in cardiopulmonary compromise:

Procedure:

1. Secure an airway as outlined in FLWEMS Paramedics Adult Protocol for the Management of Airway & Ventilation and administer supplemental **Oxygen** as needed.
2. Provide full spinal immobilization if indicated by history or if history is unknown.
3. Establish IV of **Lactated Ringers** or **0.9% NaCL** and infuse at a rate necessary to maintain normal blood pressure.
4. Treat for hypothermia as per FLWEMS Paramedics Adult Protocol for the Management of Hypothermia.
5. Monitor cardiac rhythm and treat dysrhythmias as per FLWEMS Paramedics Adult Protocol for the Management of Cardiac Dysrhythmias.
6. Transport to appropriate Emergency Department.
7. Contact medical control for further orders as needed.

CAIRA/Chemical Surety Considerations

None

Triage Considerations

Refer to S.T.A.R.T. Triage Protocol

END OF SOP – NOTHING FOLLOWS